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## LOCAL EXPORTERS PROMISED EASIER CONDITIONS IN U.K. CUSTOMS

### London Discussions (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, May 11.—The British Customs and Excise Office have given Hongkong exporters an assurance that goods imported from the Colony will be passed through the Customs more speedily in future.

This verbal assurance was given Mr Ngai Shiu-kit, deputy leader of the Colony's delegation to the British Industries Fair, during a conversation with Customs officials at the Fair.

It was a question which Mr Ngai, who is representing the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, has been most anxious to discuss during his stay here. He told me today that the Customs Office was arranging to employ more men on clearance of Hongkong imports and delivery to importers.

Hitherto, goods for which Imperial Preference was

claimed, were delayed in Customs while the certificate of origin was checked. Meanwhile, the exporter is required to deposit a sum in lieu of duty which is refunded when the goods are finally admitted.

Many exporters considered this an unnecessary hardship. In future, this deposit will not be required.

But all the fault was not resting with the British Customs. Some of the forms, made necessary for ensuring absolute integrity on the part of exporters, have not always been properly completed. This involved a further delay while the missing information was obtained. In future, I understand, a certificate of origin accompanying each cargo will be taken by the Customs as proof of qualification for Imperial Preference.

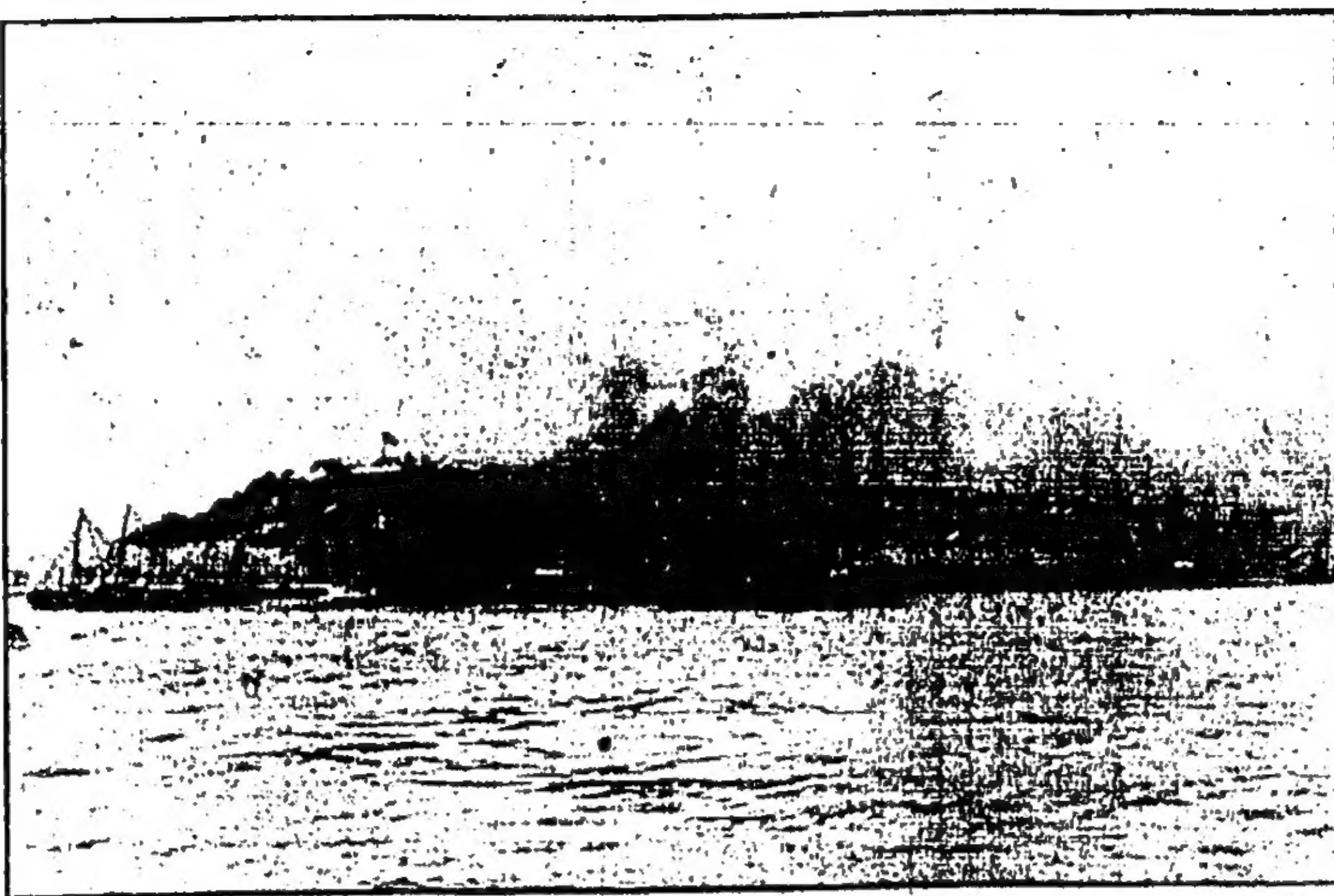
#### QUICKER TRANSIT

It is now hoped that quicker transit of goods through the Customs will give Hongkong exporters renewed confidence in their trading relations with the United Kingdom and lead to increased exports. Mr Ngai is having further talks with the Customs Office for the purpose of smoothing out finally the difficulties on both sides.

Members of the delegation today visited the Birmingham Section of the B.I.F., where they were met and conducted around by the Chamber of Commerce representative. Tonight the delegation is staying at Stratford-on-Avon—Shakespeare's birthplace.

Hongkong exporters at the Earl's Court Section of the Fair are doing excellent business with Overseas buyers and a number of orders have already been placed.

## ANOTHER ARK ROYAL LAUNCHED



The new 36,000-ton aircraft carrier "Ark Royal" was launched nine days ago at Cammell Laird's Yard at Birkenhead. She is a successor to the vessel so often "sunk" by Nazi radio during the war. Photo shows the new carrier after her launch. (Central Press).

## GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS BELGIAN MINE

### Labour Defeats Challenge

London, May 11.—The Labour Government tonight defeated the tenth Conservative challenge to its existence with a majority of 28.

The House of Commons rejected an Opposition motion amounting to condemnation of the Government's Scottish housing policy by 289 votes to 252.

This was the second night running that the Conservatives, pursuing their policy of highlighting election issues, forced a vote. Tonight's majority was five more than last night when the vote was on the Government's decision to raise railway freight charges.

The Liberals then voted for the Government. Tonight the two who were present voted against. —Reuter.

### Forty-One Men Killed Or Trapped Underground

Charleroi, May 11.—At least 41 men are dead, injured or missing following a dry gas explosion which occurred in Pit No. 6, Mariemont Bascoep coalmine, near here, today.

Belgian mining officials who dashed to the spot declared: "This is a day of national mourning."

Tonight, 25 bodies have been brought to the surface. Four miners were brought up injured. One died in hospital.

Mine officials say that there was little hope for the 12 men left underground. Rescue squads were tonight working in relay to bring the bodies of the missing men to the surface.

Two cages are running continually to and from the blasted vein, which lies 1,600 feet below ground. The known victims included a father, his 14-year-old son and his 38-year-old son-in-law. Also among the known dead are four Ukrainian displaced persons, one Italian, a former German prisoner of war, and two Polish miners.

Belgian Red Cross officials rushed to the scene and a mortuary was set up in an office 10 yards from the pithead.

Police led weeping women to and from the mortuary to identify their relatives.

In nearby Pieten, the church bells tolled gloomily. Groups gathered in the streets to discuss the catastrophe—the worst mine disaster in Belgium for 20 years.

#### TORN TO PIECES

One rescue worker said: "These we have recovered are torn to pieces. The force of the explosion sent huge blocks of coal into the pit head."

## Hurricane Hits Basra

Baghdad, May 11.—A hurricane struck the port city of Basra today, killing at least two persons, sending rooftops flying overhead and churning up a sandstorm which coloured the atmosphere red. It was feared the death toll might be higher.

Hundred-mile-per-hour winds and the torrential rain which followed cut off communications with the Persian Gulf city. After lashing Basra, the hurricane swerved westward into the rich oil fields of Kuwait, but by that time had lost most of its force and little damage was done there.

Eye-witnesses arriving here told a story of trees uprooted and telephone poles, house-tops and other objects flying through the air.

One man was killed when the hurricane-blown roof of a Nissen hut cut off his head. —United Press.

## China and E. Asia Peril Loom Large In Big Three Discussions

### COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS

London, May 11.—The Foreign Ministers of America, Britain and France today discussed, among other subjects, China and the situation in South-East Asia during the first day's session of their cold war strategy talks here.

No decisions were reached, according to authoritative sources, but it is understood that "unity of purpose" between the Foreign Ministers was very marked.

The deadlock in the United Nations over Chinese representation was also discussed.

### Trygve Lie Welcomed By Gromyko

Moscow, May 11.—The Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Trygve Lie, arrived here tonight in a Russian plane from Prague.

He was welcomed at the airport by the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Gromyko.

Mr Lie was accompanied by M. Konstantin Zinchenko, Soviet United Nations Assistant Secretary General for Security Council Affairs, his private secretary, Ingrid Bernsten and Dr Olav Rytter, the Norwegian Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Prague.

Mr Gunnar Myrdal, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, who arrived here on Sunday, was at the airport to welcome Mr Lie.

The Russian welcoming party included M. Alexis Nuchin, head of the United Nations Division of the Foreign Ministry of the USSR, and M. Mikhail Vasilov, Director of the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow.

Mr Lie drove directly to the National Hotel. He said he planned to meet reporters in a few days. —Reuter.

### U.S. Embassy Accedes

Prague, May 11.—The United States Embassy here agreed today to a Czechoslovak request that its staff should be cut by two-thirds.

The American action followed a renewal by the Czechoslovak Government last night of this request, originally made on April 28. —Reuter.

### Johnson Takes The Gloves Off

Florida, May 11.—The Secretary of Defence, Mr Louis Johnson, said today that Russia hoped to conquer the United States by "making us overpend ourselves on national defence until our economy is wrecked."

Mr Johnson read a relatively mild speech prepared for the Kew-Forest convention. Then he put it aside, announcing that he was going to "take my gloves off now."

"We may stumble into the accident of war, but war is not on our horizon at the moment," he said. "But Russia hopes to conquer America by making us overpend ourselves on national defence until our economy is wrecked and fertile soil is ready for the Communists to take over. The United States is not going to match Russia tank for tank. I pledge we will do the things that need to be done, but will stay within economy that means a sound and prosperous America." —United Press.

### Cedric Hardwicke Divorced

London, May 11.—Lady Helena Hardwicke, who is the actress Helena Pickard, was granted a divorce from the actor, Sir Cedric Hardwicke today.

Judge Alan Pugh, in granting a decree nisi because of Sir Cedric's alleged misconduct with a young woman named Mary Scott in London, said: "The story disclosed in this statement is a sad one and I have no hesitation in exercising my discretion." —United Press.

## Malcolm MacDonald Begins Secret Talks On Malayan Needs

Canberra, May 11.—The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert G. Menzies, and Mr Malcolm MacDonald, the British Commissioner-General for South-East Asia, today began secret talks here on the Malayan situation.

The talks were held at the Canberra residence of the British High Commissioner in Australia, Mr E. J. Williams.

Mr Menzies had earlier told a press conference that he expected Mr MacDonald to outline the Malayan situation during the talks. He added that he thought it unlikely that any official statement would be made at present.

Air Vice-Marshal F. J. W. Mellersh, the Royal Air Force Commander in Malaya, and the Acting Australian Air Minister, Mr R. Casey, attended the talks.

Mr MacDonald dined with Mr Menzies shortly after his arrival in Canberra today and later was given a seat on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Mr MacDonald's visit to Australia could have no better ending than in an agreement on the principle and form of Australian aid to Malaya.

#### PATIENT ENVOY

The Herald said that Britain's recognition of Communist China had "strengthened the influence of Red agents among the large Chinese minority in Malaya."

The paper added that no benefit accrued from the British decision which, to the humiliation of a great nation, had not even resulted in the resumption of diplomatic relations.

"It is not in the proud tradition to wait month after month on the doorstep of a totalitarian regime. Britain's withdrawal of her patient envoy from Peking would raise her prestige in many lands," the paper said. —Reuter.

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### EDITORIAL

## Peking Lodges A Protest

PEKING'S protest against Hongkong border control, the decision to tighten up the Immigration Ordinance and apply regulations to those of Chinese nationality similar to the requirements insisted on to other foreign subjects, was not entirely unexpected. It may savour of the ironical to observe that Hongkong's action is regarded as "unreasonable and unfriendly" when Peking's approach to the officer appointed British Charge d'Affaires has not included the elementary courtesy of receiving his credentials while five months have elapsed. The regime's attitude, in the matter of reasonableness and friendliness, was in fact consciously rubbed in by assigning the duty of registering a protest to a junior official in the Foreign Affairs department—adding emphasis to Peking's refusal to enter into normal diplomatic relations with Britain. The nearest the Communist leaders have reached to the congenial is the letter criticising Hongkong. The reproach is couched in language not likely to increase alienation, and not raising issues calculated to become seriously controversial. Reliance is placed on the hundred years' practice in Hongkong since it became a British Colony, the granting of freedom of movement in and out of our borders for all Chinese nationals, and Peking seeks an undertaking that the restrictions now applied will be removed. At this time, it is not very likely. The Hongkong Government did not amend the regulations as a slight to the People's Government or to Chinese citizens. Action was taken reluctantly—under circumstances well known to Peking's leaders, amounting virtually to force majeure. If there is any reflection arising from the situation Hongkong has been forced to meet it falls, surely, on the Communist organisation.

tion for were conditions in China altogether conducive to contentment and rapprochement, the hordes of refugees flooding into the Colony would have been conspicuous by their absence. There is, however, a limit to the capacity of a city of Hongkong's size to absorb newcomers, whether it is depicted as a haven of refuge or as an international centre where fortunes are to be reaped by the adventurous. Matters like health, sanitation and, not the least, water, are the dictators of official policy, together with the severe overstraining of utility services and accommodation. Exact figures are not available to demonstrate how overtaxed are the Colony's resources. Estimates of population vary between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000, with a leaning towards accepting the half-way stage as most accurate. A few years ago, the total did not exceed 800,000, and while there has been a good deal of reconstruction of property since the war, it hardly compensates for the mass of destruction during the Battle of Hongkong and the Japanese Occupation. These days flats which formerly housed 14 or 15 persons are squeezing in 40. Moreover, the restrictions imposed are not severe. Hundreds of travellers move in or out every day, there is a certain amount of screening, a search for lethal weapons, and few rejections. What has been sought is control, not exclusion. Mr Devlin's reply to the Vice-Minister will be keenly awaited. Presumably it will amount to a reasoned explanation of the cumulative compulsions causing the action, and possibly offer some modification if discussion can produce a mutually acceptable agreement. In that case, it may afford an opening for exploring the larger field of diplomacy, and perchance create a more conciliatory atmosphere.



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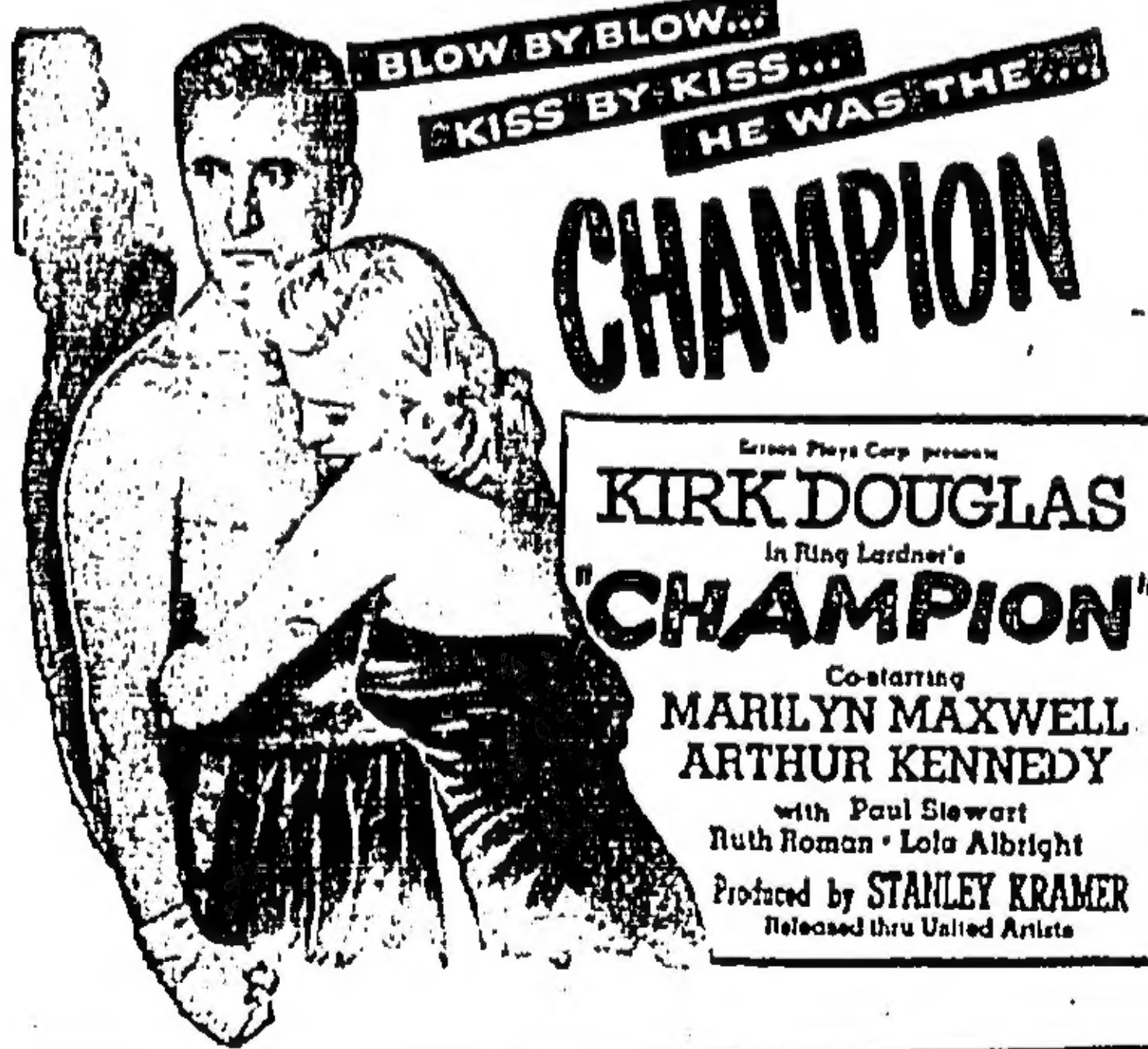
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## WOMANSENSE

Model And On-looker



The best dressed MODEL, showing the Marcel Rodas collection at a West End club was Janine Baechin (left); her black oranzza cape had 150 ermine tails. Best dressed ON-LOOKER, Mrs Susan Ward (right) with her tube look she wore diamonds and pearls. (London Express Service)



## A Man's Thirty Variations

On Egg Theme  
By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

EGGS, with fancy trimmings, are favourite specialties of men who like to relax from a hard day at the office by standing over a hot stove.

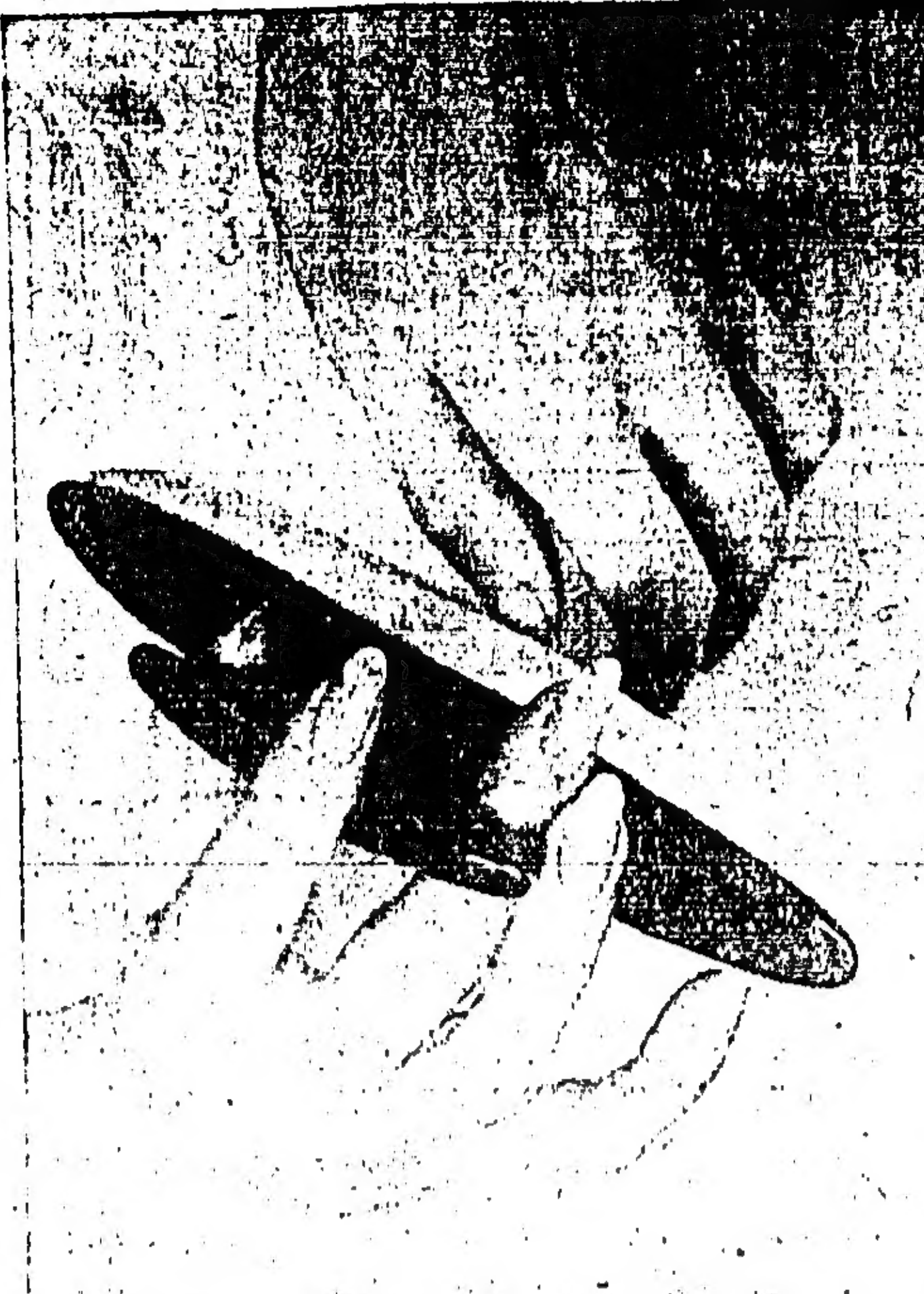
Alfred Lunt, currently appearing on Broadway in "I Know My Love," calls his omelette specialty "the most attractive and economical dish I know."

What's more, it has 30 variations, according to Lunt, any one of which is a wonderful way to a woman's heart.

**Baked Swedish Omelette**  
Beat 4 eggs, and add 1½ cups of milk that has been scalded and cooled. Add 1 tablespoon of melted butter and pepper to taste. Heat a shallow baking dish (about 8 by 3 inches), grease with butter and pour in omelette mixture. Bake in fairly hot oven (15 to 20 minutes). Remove from oven and serve with any creamed mixture you like, such as creamed vegetables, lobster or shrimp.

**Banana Omelette**  
Use fork to mash one fully ripe banana. Add ¼ cup enriched milk or light cream. Beat in three whole eggs vigorously. Melt 1 teaspoon butter in pan, being careful not to brown it. Pour in egg mixture and cook over slow flame until bottom side is tenderly cooked—about two minutes.

## Don't Let Nails Show Neglect



Buffing is good for the nails because it helps keep the circulation in the underlying flesh active. So use your buffer once a day.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SAYS a manicurist: "Before liquid polish was applied to finger nails, women took better care of them than they do now. They applied powder with a buffer and the buffing tended to keep active the circulation in the underlying flesh. Now it seems as if brushing on the ruby glow suffices. That's just the trimming. The nails should be manicured frequently. The surrounding flesh must be kept free of the nail fabric. If hang-nails are not to form. Women with terrible looking nails show every evidence of neglect."

Believe it or doubt it, it is a fact that the character of the feminine talons can change. Nails can thicken, they can go brittle, they can take on ridges. Surely you can spare a few minutes during that bedtime beauty session to give your nails a little attention. Let us say that you have washed your face and are about to give it a light creaming massage. Well enough. It is your duty. But, while you were washing your hands, you should have passed the white pencil under the eaves of your nails. Using the pencil under water makes the bleaching most effective.

After the facial creaming, thumb the emollient into the cuticle surrounding your nails. This treatment will not weaken nail polish or make it go spotty. While the flesh is soft, pass the orange wood stick under it, being careful not to use pressure at the bases of the nails where new cells are forming.

Be careful and cautious when snipping curved hangnails with the curved, needle-point scissors. Point them downward; you will be less likely to cause a wound than if you used them in the opposite direction. The flesh there is particularly susceptible to infection.

**Cooking Utensils**  
"I believe in arranging all cooking utensils and ingredients as near the point they are to be used as possible," said Mr. Toner.

"And that's a good rule for all homemakers to follow," I observed. "It's impossible to cook a meal quickly and easily when all the utensils are put away in cupboards or drawers, or when the ingredients are stored in cupboards away from the place they will be used."

"This big brick-in space behind the table," explained Mr. Toner, "was once a fireplace. I opened it to the ceiling, lined it with brick, put in those small windows for ventilation, and flues to carry out cooking odours, put in fluorescent lights and built that slightly raised brick platform to make the ranges high enough for cooking without a backache."

"And see, Madame, there are three ranges, one electric, one gas and one to burn coal."

"Yes, we have enough ranges so Mrs. Toner and I can both cook at the same time."

"Do you have any special way of roasting fish?" the Chef asked Mr. Toner.

"I always cut it in portions before cooking, even if it is to be roasted," he said. "And for roast fish I use a special basting sauce. But dinner is ready. Just sit down. We're starting with my Long Island clam cakes. You'd like both recipes? Sure, I'll be glad to have them in your column."

Trick of the Chef

Tarragon vinegar gives a very nice flavour to roast fish. If a little is added to the basting sauce.

## A Gland That Works "Magic"

By HERMAN N. RUNDSEN, M.D.

THE truest magic in the world is that which worked everyday for most of us by the body's glands of internal secretion, but few of us realise its wonder because we have no knowledge of what happens when one or the other of these secretions is lacking.

Take the thyroid gland, for instance. Doctors sometimes have occasion to see children who are born with some deficiency of this gland. The picture is about as far from that of a normal child as could be imagined. Dwarfed and stunted

in stature, slow-moving and sluggish, these children also lack all of childhood's normal mental alertness and curiosity.

**Remarkable Effect**  
This condition is known as cretinism. Just why it occurs is not definitely known. Some children are born without a thyroid gland. In others, the gland is present and may be even greatly enlarged, but for some reason it manufactures little or none of its secretion. Lack of iodine or some interference with its absorption may be at the root of the trouble in the latter cases.

In any event if the trouble is discovered early and small doses of thyroid extract started at once, remarkable changes occur and mental sluggishness disappears, the bones begin to lengthen, abnormal fatty deposits shrink, and the child is entirely transformed.

**First Signs Noted**  
The first signs of cretinism in a baby are failure to nurse well, to cry normally, and a tendency to sleep almost constantly. The tongue may become enlarged and some difficulty in swallowing develops early in most instances. In many cases these signs may be so slight as to make the diagnosis difficult until, with time, the retarded growth of the bones—one of the most unmistakable evidences of cretinism—becomes apparent.

If cretinism is suspected, small doses of thyroid extract should be started at once. As I said earlier, if the trouble is due to cretinism, remarkable changes will soon take place. Of course, the dose of thyroid extract must be carefully regulated by the physician, since an amount that would be excessive

## Import Of Men For German Women Suggested

ACCORDING to two German lady labour leaders who recently visited San Francisco, five million lonely German women should be sent abroad in search of husbands. They added, speaking for German womanhood: "We badly need men, young men."

They explained: "Because our young men were lost in battle and in Siberian prison camps, 5,000,000 German women will never have a man of their own. It's a biological crime."

The two visitors, Elizabeth Stalger, 31, and Charlotte Scharrer, 35, went to San Francisco with eight other German union officials on a nation-wide tour as guests of the U.S. Government.

**Harem-Style**  
Both of them are unmarried, but they firmly rejected a proposed plan through which German women would share available men on a rotating basis, harem-style.

"The best thing," said Miss Stalger, a restaurant workers' leader, "would be to import spare time."

## THE TALK OF PARIS



THIS is the girl Paris is talking about these spring days. Eve Wenger, 21, is an American. And connoisseurs say she is one of the most beautiful girls in Paris.

Miss Wenger, born in Colorado, worked for a New York advertising firm. Many of her friends were going to France. She decided to go, too.

Crossing in a French liner, she danced with M. Barbas, director of a Paris firm of dress designers. His advice was that she should try to be a "mannequin."

She took this advice. She is 5ft. 9in. high, with 34in. bust, 24in. waist and 35in. hips.

Her official identity card describes her eyes as azure, but Miss Wenger calls them grey-green. She has long black eyelashes.

Eve dailies make-up. She does not use nail varnish, either.

And she is probably the only mannequin in Paris who never goes to a hairdresser. Miss Wenger cuts, washes and sets her own hair.

(London Express Service)



## PRESIDENT'S PARTY



GUESTS of President Videla of Chile at New York's Hotel Plaza are Dr Felix del Rio, Chilean Ambassador to the U.S., and Mrs William O'Dwyer, wife of the Mayor of New York.



DANCING partners at the party were Colonel Eduardo Middleton, Air Aide to President Videla, and Jinx Falkenburg, actress, radio star, and sister of tennis ace, Bob Falkenburg. — (London Express Service).

## English Flowers By Air

FIFTH Avenue these days is often bright with fresh English flowers and New Yorkers on their way to work stop to look at windows decorated with Spring blooms which the day before were growing in the English countryside.

They are flown overnight by British Overseas Airways Strato-cruiser.

British growers, too, are now able to meet overseas demands for rare orchids. They are among the best air travellers because, like carnations, they carry their own reserves of moisture in "fake bulbs" above their roots.

Orchid growers in Britain are earning up to £500 for a rare specimen. Many blooms from London are a present for his wife. They reached Lagos quite fresh.

BOAC often carry personal presents of flowers. A man in West Africa ordered newly-cut roses and carnations from London as a present for his wife. They reached Lagos quite fresh.

Biggest cargo of all—the three oak trees which are now growing in a Los Angeles park. The traffic is not one-way. Wild flowers are brought to Britain from Australia, and, at Easter, lilies from Bermuda for church decoration.

## Baconians Have Not Given Up Their Case Against Shakespeare

By Robert Musel

LONDON.

The Bacon Society says it will demand renewed efforts to find the tomb of Edmund Spenser to "prove once and for all" that Sir Francis Bacon wrote the plays credited to William Shakespeare.

Aroused by the first Royal visit in history to Shakespeare's home in Stratford-on-Avon, the Baconians denounced the Shakespeare shrine as "a fake."

They said it was through a "colossal historical blunder" that Shakespeare, a simple merchant and moneylender, had been confused with the greatest writer of them all, Bacon.

The Royal Family's visit to Stratford last month was almost more than the Baconians could

bear. For more than a century they have been trying to prove that Bacon concealed his play-writing behind the nom-de-plume "Shake-speare" because it was not fitting for an adviser to Queen Elizabeth to consort with actors and actresses.

At the same time, they allege, a William Shakespeare came down from Stratford and got a job working around the Elizabethan theatres, probably as a play broker. Somehow, Bacon's pen name and Stratford's Shakespeare were confused, and by the time the Baconians appeared to straighten matters out, the "legend" had gripped the world.

"Why," snorted Valentine Smith, Secretary of the Society, "that isn't even the house of Shakespeare, the moneylender, up there in Stratford."

"It certainly isn't the cottage in which lived Anne Hathaway, I suppose William Shakespeare, son of a man who signed his name with an 'X' and father of a daughter who did likewise, did live somewhere in Stratford. But he never wrote the plays. In his will he doesn't mention owning a single book."

Smith said the Baconian case against Shakespeare—Dierckx and Mark Twain were two of the famous anti-Shakespeareans—is based on evidence that he left rural Stratford at 13, after little or no schooling, but at 18 appeared to have written "Love's Labour's Lost," a play filled with classical allusions and involving a situation at the French Court known only to the highest English Royal circles.

"Even a genius has to learn how to shoot a gun," Smith said. "Even if Shakespeare were a genius, he couldn't draw words from Latin, Greek, Italian and French without knowing the languages. Nor could he know what Queen Elizabeth thought of Navarre."

In 1930, the Society persuaded the authorities to open the tomb in Westminster Abbey of Ed-

mund Spenser, the Elizabethan poet. At his death, all of England's great living poets threw manuscript poems into his tomb.

The Baconians contended these manuscripts will not show a poem by Shakespeare put will show one by Bacon—this, they said, proving there was no writing Shakespeare.

But they hint darkly that the wrong tomb was opened—probably that of Matthew Prior.

"Spenser was a small man. The opened coffin was for someone over six feet—Prior was six feet two," Smith said. "We know where the real Spenser tomb is if they'll open it."

April 23 was the anniversary both of Shakespeare's birth and death. The Baconians did not commemorate the day.

"We do not celebrate the birthdays of moneylenders," Smith said acidly.—United Press.

## FURNISHED HOUSE FOR 17s.

A new fully furnished three-bedroom semi-detached house with bathroom, "all the usual offices," plus two roomy sheds and a nice back garden already planted—"grass will be trimmed for you free"—all for 17 shillings a week, all in the new type of Army married quarters being offered Service families at Colchester.

The first two have just been opened by Mrs Firth, wife of Major-General C.E. Firth, commanding the East Anglian District.

Company Sergeant-Major Bill Brownfield and his wife and four children will occupy one. In the other will be C.S.M. Jack Kelly, his wife and three children.

The houses are the concrete-block type and cost about £1,600 each. The £150 worth of furniture was made by the Army. Forty more houses will be ready soon, and 100 by midsummer. Eventually the 160 acres of War Office ground will have a school, welfare centre and shops—including Naal.

The scheme provides for 172 houses for other ranks and 68 for officers. It was all hatched in the office of the Chief Engineer of the District, Col. E.C. Nottingham. It went through the Ministry of Town and Country Planning like a rocket—in two days.

## Sheer Voiles For Men's Wear

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

Sheer shirts, made from voiles and dotted swiss, are the latest additions to male wardrobes.

Women have been hearing about voiles and batistes designed for their warm weather wear, but the idea of sending hubby off to the office in a Swiss voile tailored shirt comes as a shock. "Sheer fabrics are here to stay," one shirt designer said. They were tested in custom-made tailored shirts last year. Now, shirt manufacturers are cautiously stitching up a few breezy copies.

An exclusive New York men's furnishing store is featuring polka-dotted sheers in its window display. FINE POLKA DOTS "They're very fine polka dots, not those dramatic dots used in women's clothes," a store spokesman said defensively. The dots come in pale blue, navy blue and red, on white voiles. At first the store executives were a little nervous about the polka dots. "We've had good success with plain white sheers," one explained, "but we were afraid men might think polka dots a little... ah... delicate."

So far they've been agreeably surprised. Several men have bought the shirts. The customers were described as "very serious, middle-aged business men." Alfred Shapiro, the head of a company which makes only leisure shirts for men, says some of his new shirts are "so sheer you would wonder how a man would wear them." PIQUE VOILE SELLS He admitted that it was easier to start a new fashion in sports clothes. This year he added a mesh voile with large pearl buttons and a short collar to his line. He also used printed voile for leisure shirts. Pique voile is one of the biggest sellers in tailored shirts. Swiss fabric manufacturers who are largely responsible for the sheer shirting fabrics, report it's been selling plenty of dotted swiss and drop-stitch voile to men's shirt manufacturers, too. In spite of the cool comfort, there are a couple of admitted drawbacks. Sheer shirts have to be made of good material or they won't stand up to the hard wear and washings given to men's clothes. Also, some experts warn stout men to steer clear of sheer fabrics. Some men, it seems, just look better in broadcloth.—United Press.

## DANGER! MEN AT WORK!



BECAUSE a cobra can spit a fine spray of venom up to 15 feet, handlers George Irving, left, and Bert Tschambers use plastic face shields while stirring up one of the deadly reptiles on a television programme in Chicago. They seem to be proceeding with caution. (Acme)

## SABU'S ELEPHANT-BOY COUSIN HAS GLAMOUR

By PAULA J. RITCHOTT

Washington's latest glamour boy can tame the savage beast but he quails when faced by his many fans.

Baba Jan, elephant boy from the jungles of Mysore, was chosen by the Indian government to bring two baby elephants, Shanti and Ashok, to the United States as gifts from India's Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru.

Since his arrival, Baba Jan has been besieged by auto-graph hunters, photographers, interviewers and just plain circus fans. The 23-year-old mahout is shy before women, and finds it difficult to speak to them without blushing. A great flashing smile generally is all he can muster.

This presents a marked contrast for the mahout who claims to have tamed an elephant that killed seven men. "Usually one death is enough to make everyone fear the elephant," he said, "but I worked very hard with this animal, and he eventually became domesticated enough to handle."

## COUSIN TO SABU

Baba Jan, a first cousin to the Hollywood actor Sabu, comes from a family of elephant trainers. He speaks little English and is constantly accompanied in Washington by a bearded Sikh from the Indian Embassy.

Baba Jan's eldest brother was originally chosen to represent the family in Hollywood. When his father objected, Sabu was sent. Eventually, the older brother did go to America for two years as keeper of the elephants in a circus.

"Even after I leave, Shanti and Ashok will not forget me," Baba Jan said. "Elephants have a very powerful sense of smell. They would be able to recognize me 15 years from now. In fact, elephants have been known to recognize any person or thing as much as six or seven miles away."

Baba Jan said the two baby elephants now eating hay at the Washington Zoo are not the original animals chosen as Nehru's gift.

"The first elephants were even more beautiful," Baba Jan said with a wistful air. "But Shanti, the girl, died, so they decided to send two others."

The young trainer grinned with enthusiasm when asked about the capture of Shanti and Ashok. "To capture baby elephants, we usually use a stockade system," he said. "In the case of Shanti and Ashok, five scouts were sent out to locate a wild herd. Next, a small army of hunters left to form a cordon around the spot where the elephants were observed. They carried anything that would make a horrible noise, from tin pans to crude horns."

## TEMPERAMENTAL

"Tame elephants then moved in a small band to block off any possible escape by the herd. Finally, the hunters let loose with nerve-racking shrieks and noise. That stamped the herd right into our trap."

The female is harder to handle than the male, Baba Jan said. "I am referring to elephants, of course," he added. "Ashok

was domesticated in three days after his capture, but it took a month and a half to tame Shanti."

"My friends proved that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," since Ashok's love of eating made him easier to manage in capture. Shanti kept running away, but she is content enough now."

Baba Jan said "America is wonderful," but he is anxious to get back to Mysore. "The day we left Bombay," he said, "my first child, a boy, was born. The journey to this country was fine, but I am leaving the baby elephants to see my son."—United Press.

## ANNIE FIRES LAST ROUND

"Annie Get Your Gun" has taken its last curtain at the London Coliseum after playing 1,304 performances in two years and 11 months for 2,500,000 people, who paid £1,100,000 to see it. The profit from this and its touring shows in Britain is about £600,000.

The West End turned the last night into a special occasion. Everyone, with the exception of actress Iris Hoey, had seen the show at least once before.

Every performer was clapped when an entrance was made. Every song was greeted as though it were being heard for the first time.

At the end, amid the flowers, there were speeches—and so did Annie's gun go back to the property department. It had fired about 300,000 rounds.

## TEA FOR TWO



MICKEY and Mike, a pair of tame parakeets owned by Mr and Mrs Edward Alley, of Arlington, Virginia, enjoy a spot of tea while perched on the rim of the cup. They take their places on the cup every morning for breakfast. (Acme)

## CHURCHILL VIES WITH THE NUDES

British artists drenched the summer exhibition of the Royal Academy with nudes, but a semi-professional part-time painter, Winston Churchill, stole the show with a group of pleasant landscapes.

On exhibit are Nubian nudes, shopgirl nudes, noble nudes, Oriental nudes and plain beefy British nudes, getting in or out of baths or reclining uneasily on sofas and armchairs.

British artists seemed to be trying to prove that the British did it more than adequate by limiting a levy of Lucian beauties.

But the eyes of visitors to the 102nd annual exhibition skimmed over the area of painted flesh and were riveted for the most part on the rural studies of the only living Honorary Academician Extraordinary—Churchill.

Churchill has four canvases among the 1,100 exhibits. His work strikes the keynote of traditionalism which has marked the Academy exhibits for several years.

Two of the Churchill oils are of his earlier periods. There is a woods study dated 1920, a photographic piece called "Snow

## Hula At 25,000 ft



The American airline publicity men are excelling themselves in their efforts to sell air travel. Not long ago passengers in a Stratocruiser were entertained to a fashion show at 20,000 feet.

The latest is a genuine Hawaiian hula-hula at 25,000 feet, complete with grass skirts and ukulele.

The airport, only one ground London with a main line railway, "on its doorstep," is to be the terminal of a new British European Airways service to the Channel Islands starting next month.

The airport, on the Surrey-Sussex border, has been used by charter companies since the war, and for some time its future has been in the balance.

Now that BEA are to start operating a regular service from Gatwick it is possible that the airfield will be developed.

Suggestions have been made that it should be BEA's main secondary airfield to be used when bad weather restricts Heathrow.

The airport adjoins the main London-Brighton railway, and from Gatwick Airport Station passengers step through the barrier right on to the airfield. Both British Overseas and British European Airways connections have booked provisional seats in the transport section of the England-New Zealand air race in 1953.

The event will be a handicap. BOAC, who should be flying Comet jet airliners long before, will get no advantage from having the world's fastest airliner.—(London Express Service)

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## SPOILED BY SUCCESS?

★ 1950 brings a new evaluation of the personalities—hot-gossiping Aimée Semple McPherson included—who startled the world between the wars... in the time they call the—

## Aspirin Age

by VIRGINIA GRAHAM

AMERICA not only has a great affection for surveys, but she numbers among her sons some of the finest surveyors in the world. There is no group of men who can tell a tale with such passionate sobriety, can state a case with such emotional impartiality, as the upper rank of American journalists.

Their style is taut as a fiddle string, totally unindividualistic, yet possessing a warmth which, whether simulated or sincere, gets its customers every time.

A new book\* collects journalistic studies of some of the personalities who, by reason of their peculiar virtues and defects, became famous during the era between the two wars.

It seems a pity perhaps that the men are for the most part misguided, and the moods highly neurotic, for one gets the impression that only two sorts of human, the venal and the glib, flourished on the earth in those days. However, whether this is true or not, their histories make absorbing if depressing reading.

The field is wide. We have high, and not very savoury, politics in the shape of Samuel Hopkins Adams' article on President Harding, a President who, being aware that his job was too big for him decided to devote his tenure of office to playing poker, and Irving Stone's study of President Coolidge, a President who never spoke.

Izzie, who was fat, forty and five feet five, wandering around

never worked and was as nearly a stuffed dummy as a breathing man can be.

In the religious sphere there is Carey McWilliams on Aimée McPherson and Wallace Stegner on Father Coughlin—two preachers whose initial sincerity became completely corrupted by success. Crime is covered by the stories of Starr Faithfull's death, Sacco and Vanzetti—for this piece of political justice is made out by Phil Slog to be murder—the Ku-Klux-Klan and Prohibition.

CONCERNING this latter period of aridity, Herbert Asbury's treatise on "The Noble Experiment of Izzie and Mo" is one of the best things in the book.

Izzie and Mo, one a postal employee and the other the owner of a cigar store, became prohibition agents and entered into their parts with such a high sense of comedy, they became the idols of the Press as well as the source of the speak-easies. They were extremely ingenious in their methods of bringing manufacturers to heel and were always dressing up to suit the occasion. In white ties or bathing trunks or, on one occasion, as undergraduates.

Izzie, who was fat, forty and five feet five, wandering around

the campus shouting Sizzle boom! Rahl! Rahl! Rahl! must have been a superb sight. The soda fountain attendants thought he was so funny and endearing they immediately sold him raspberry slips laced with gin. Izzie then handed them "diplomas" in the form of summonses.

The strange case of the Morro Castle, the even stranger instance of mass hysteria when Orson Wells's play on a Martian invasion was broadcast, the Dionne Quins, the Windsores, Gene Tunney on his fights with Jack Dempsey, and a psychological study of Linauer by John Lardner are among other items.

It is the story of America at her most chaotic and frenzied when one headache was followed by another, when the pace was fast and furious but the goal not clearly defined, when the typical meant the fantastic and good sense stood spellbound.

—(London Express Service)

# Churches Are Drawing Closer Together

by HAROLD NORWOOD

CHURCH reunion—what a difference it would make to the problems of the Churches if they had not to provide separate buildings and man-power for so many denominations. What a lot more they could get done if they had not to do it so many times over.

As Dr. GEOFFREY FISHER, the Archbishop of Canterbury, looks round, he reports he is "profoundly encouraged" at the way the Churches are getting together.

Union between his Church and the other Protestant Churches is much nearer than 20 years ago. Later this year a report is coming out which should make the pace of reunion faster still.

There is one exception—the Church of Rome, which cannot turn its creed or doctrines to accommodate any other Church. There, says the Archbishop, "we are as far apart as 20, 50, or even 300 years ago."

But not quite. THE POPE now permits Catholics to attend Protestant meetings of a non-religious nature without the permission of their bishops.

"They can also join with Protestants in prayer. But when they say the Lord's Prayer they must say the Catholic version. This begins 'Our Father who art in heaven... And it ends 'Deliver us from evil.' While the Protestant version goes on, 'For thine is the Kingdom.'

## He draws 5,000

SOMETIMES there are murmurings from inside the Churches against the pulling power of their own "fellow preachers. It is said that on a Sunday they attract people and their money away from their own chapels in the suburbs. No complaint on that score against Mr. Tom Rees, the evangelist. He draws the biggest congregation in London. He fills the Albert Hall with 5,000 people. And he does it on Saturday nights.

His people, mostly young, come not only from all parts of London, but in parties of over 100 from Birmingham, Lincolnshire, Bucks, Hampshire, Northants, and all the Home Counties. He rents out the hall. All told, nearly 200 separate parties, and the crush of motor-coaches waiting to take them home afterwards is like a big football match.

What does Tom Rees offer his crowds in place of Saturday sports and recreations? Hymns, choruses, public professions on "How I became a Christian" by selected young people, and, above all, the personality of Tom Rees, poured forth in song, quip, and sermon. He is not a parson but his brother is, and there are many parsons' collars on his platform.

Tom Rees, in his early forties, has the energy and the vital stuff more often found at the head of vast industrial enterprises in the Midlands and the North. He prefers the vastness of the Albert Hall.

He sets his thousands singing. Then, with a frown and a wave of his hand he stops them dead. "Not like that—like this." They go on again. They enjoy being jollied and he has put more meaning in their singing.

He puts on a choir. It is heard reverently. Tom rises. "Did you don't you clasp?" They clasp.

A collection is taken on wooden trays and the pattering silver coins sound like a hailstorm.

And then silence. A command from Tom Rees that nobody is to cough or fidget or even to look around. He is going to preach his sermon. In the course of it he quotes many passages from Scripture. Into them go the fire, the human energy that might have built a fleet of cargo liners or filled them with tract-ors.

Exhausted after the effort? He is still fresh as a daisy. Those who feel converted stay behind for further instruction. One night's harvest, and it is bigger than most big congregations.

At Clayton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, the Anglicans have bought a farm. The cowshed will be their church and the farmhouse the vicarage.

At Canley estate, Coventry, the Methodists have, for ten years, been using a henhouse as a church. In North London they rent 80 worshippers in a shop. At Rossendale, Lancs, they hold their services in a room at a felt manufacturing mill.

At Dalton, near Darlington, they have gone along with the squatters at a former R.A.F. camp and squatted in the name of the Church in one of the huts. You can't keep a good cause down.

—(London Express Service)

# SLAP ON THE MASK AND BREATHE THE NEW ENERGY

By JAMES W. HART

Tired housewives, fainting women and over-worked business men have been offered new hope through experiments conducted by two Pittsburgh basketball teams.

The experiments seem to indicate that a few whiffs of pure oxygen from a portable container will stop that breathless feeling and perk up both mind and muscle.

The basketball teams, threatened with "slumps" from overwork, bought oxygen dispensers, used them during games and walked off with just about all the honours in western Pennsylvania.

Homestead High, trailing the Allegheny team 15 to 8 in the first quarter, hauled its first stringers out of the game and made them take a few pulls at the machine. At the half, Homestead led, 27 to 10, and "oxygen-enters" won the game going away, 60 to 44.

The remarkable thing about the experiment was that the boys apparently were not tired at the end of the game, even though they ran circles around one of the fastest teams in the state. Better still was the fact that there was no after-effect of depression.

The other school, St. James Catholic, used the oxygen dispenser to win the Class B state championship. All the scoring was done by the first team and all but one man netted more than 10 points.

An Atlanta firm has bottled large quantities of oxygen and has begun to market it with dispensers. The company claims oxygen possesses remarkable restorative powers.

One instance cited by a Pittsburgh distributor was that of a woman who slipped on a freshly-waxed floor and cracked her head against a wall. A few whiffs of oxygen revived her faster than smelling salts could as 24 hours. The only effect was an increase in energy—

core spot on her scalp where her head hit the wall.

During the war, airmen discovered that oxygen had almost "magical" powers. Although the practice was not authorized by higher-ups, fliers inhaled pure oxygen to cure "hang-overs."

A flier scheduled to take off in the morning might stay out too late and imbibe too freely the night before.

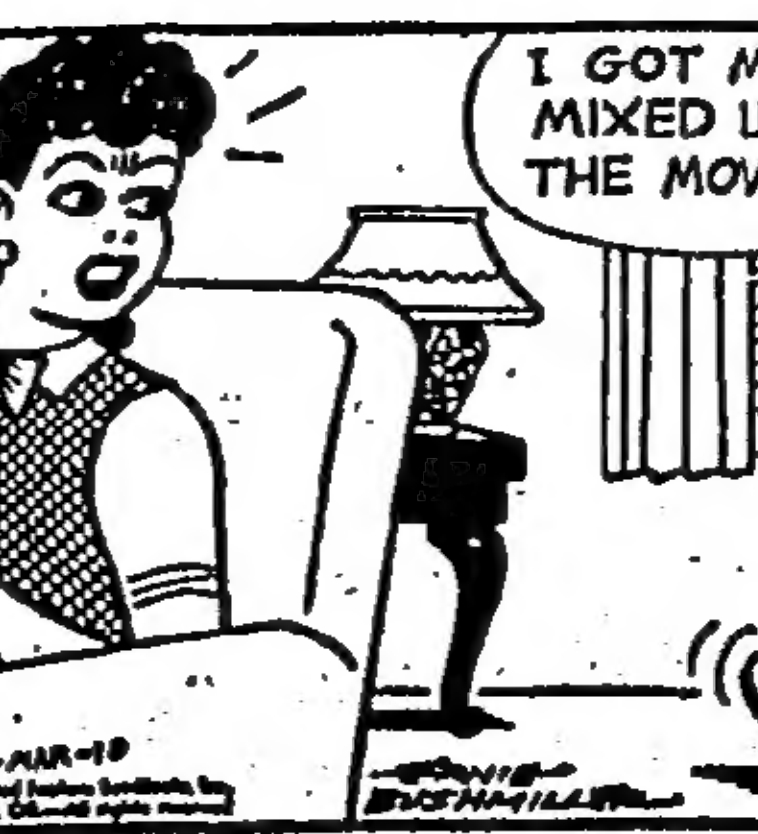
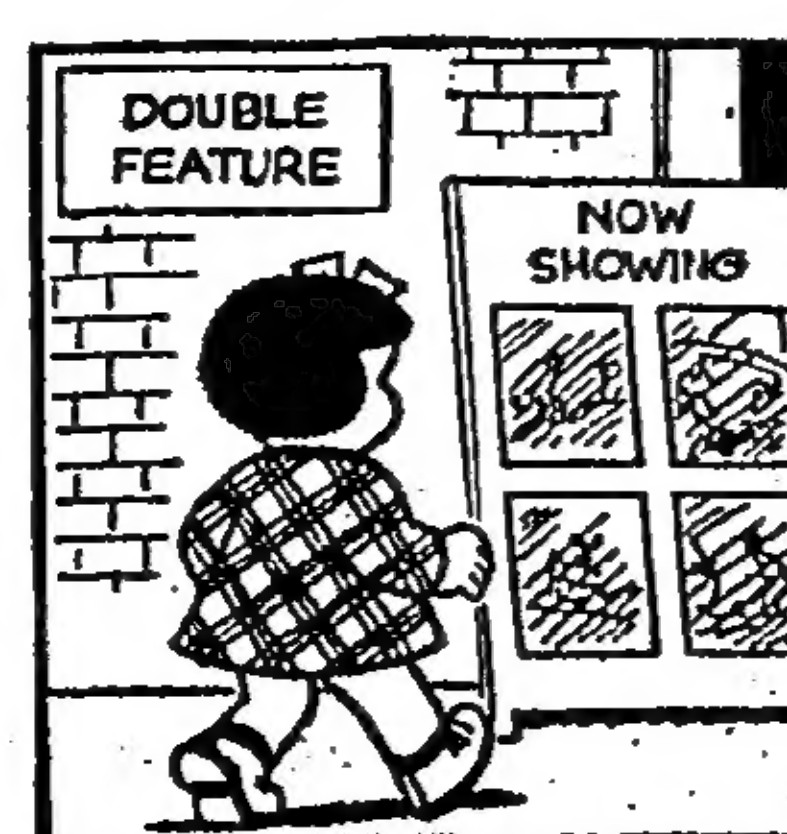
In the morning, just before take-off time, he would slap an oxygen mask to his face, breathe deeply a few times and feel recharged enough to make any routine flights.

One of the brightest spots in the pure oxygen picture is that apparently no harm can be done to the human body by breathing it. In medical tests, men have been subjected to it for as long as 24 hours. The only effect was an increase in energy—

United Press.

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## WILL THEY VOTE OUT JORDAN?

Cairo, May 11.—The Ministers of three Arab Governments wrangled in heated debate for three hours tonight over Jordan's annexation of East Palestine, but there was no indication whether the Arab League's Political Committee would vote to expel Jordan.

Alied Hilmy Pasha, the Prime Minister of the "All-Palestine" Government, backed by the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini, was supported by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Salah El Din Bey, against Jordan's Foreign Minister, Sherifly Pasha.

The committee adjourned the debate until Saturday morning. Ministers of eight Arab Governments attended the meeting.

The seven-nation Arab League had invited Alied Hilmy Pasha, Premier of the Egyptian-sponsored "All-Palestine" Government, to join them in debate on state a case, in the face of opposition from King Abdullah's Jordan, herself a member of the League.

At its recent meeting here the Arab League Council had demanded the annexation of Arab Palestine by any other State as "illegal" and provided for disciplinary steps against a defaulting State.

This move, taken before Jordan's action, provided for the expulsion from the League of any State which violated the League's provisions of diplomatic relations and economic sanctions against a defaulting State.

The scheme was not brought up at the plenary session which was devoted to each delegation giving a general review of developments since the last meeting of the Ministers in November.

**SURPRISE VISIT**  
Dr. Dirk Stikker, Netherlands Foreign Minister and Chairman of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, paid a surprise visit to London today which observers linked with possible repercussions of the Schuman plan.

Not expected here until Saturday with other Benelux Ministers, Dr. Stikker arrived by plane from Amsterdam and within a few hours of his arrival was seen by Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The "Big Three" talks began today with little ceremony. A solitary Communist, trying to unfurl a "We Want Peace" banner outside Lancaster House, where the Ministers met, created the only diversion. The police whisked him away.

Background to the conference—which will last three days—is a tacit admission by all the Western Powers that they must regard the cold war as a more or less permanent feature of the modern international scene.

With this agreed upon their task is to plan a grand world strategy to stem the Communist advance.

**RENEWED EFFORT**  
The communiqué on the first day's talks of the three Foreign Ministers issued here tonight said:

"The Foreign Ministers of France, the United Kingdom and the United States today began their meetings in London. These meetings, which will last three days, are directed towards strengthening by all appropriate measures, the structure of peace. They will also permit the three Ministers, having in mind the special responsibilities of their countries, to survey jointly the results achieved by the great co-operative measures undertaken in the last few years which have found their expression in the Brussels Treaty, the European Recovery Programme, the Council of Europe, the North Atlantic Treaty and the mutual defence assistance programme."

"The Ministers in their first day's survey, took note of the great progress which has been achieved in the last two years in the economic recovery and in the return of a large measure of stability and health to the European community, and the development of a co-ordinated defence system for the protection of the free communities of the world. It is recognised that in the present world situation the preservation of peace requires a renewed effort of co-operation in all fields, particularly in the building up of an effective defence through the North Atlantic Treaty and the strengthening of the economic foundations of the Western Powers to support these efforts."—Reuter.

## AID WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE RED TAPE

Sydney, May 11.—Some delegates to the British Commonwealth consultative conference are discussing fast-moving simple means for helping underfed Asiatic areas to boost food production, an authoritative source said tonight.

The informant said a plan existed for an aid system comparable with President Truman's Point Four programme.

He said it was a short-term programme to bring help immediately to India and southeast Asia without waiting for the red tape of large capital investment or big-scale American participation.

He said the British delegation, headed by Lord Macdonald, the Paymaster General, was split on a formal proposal, but the Australian delegation was "thinking of simpler means". The source said Lord Macdonald indicated that Britain preferred a fast-track approach. He added that the conference opening here on Monday would merely be the forerunner of another.

**IN SIX MONTHS**  
The United States, France and the Netherlands will attend the second conference, which will be held in about six months' time. It cannot be held sooner because the Commonwealth countries must have time to make detailed surveys of their economic needs and their own means of helping themselves.

The informant said Lord Macdonald would propose that an exhaustive detailed questionnaire be submitted to the various countries involved, which would have to be completed before any real concrete steps were taken.

He added that some delegates disagreed with this approach and felt that some dramatic, practical, short-term approach must be hammered out. The plan involved the use of technical teams from Australia and other countries, which would tackle basic problems like helping the Malaysians catch more fish through the use of better nets, trawlers and improved techniques.

For example, the informant continued, it would be a tremendous help to Malaya if Australian technicians and specialists could be sent to train Malaysians. In India, technical aid could be extended by (a) teaching Indians how to apply phosphate fertilisers. — United Press.

## TROUBLE BREWING IN GERMANY?

Bonn, May 11.—Herr Kurt Mueller, one of the 15 Communist deputies in the last German Parliament, laid down his mandate today.

Dr. Carl Schmitt, Deputy Chairman of the Bundestag (Lower House), announced that he, said that Herr Mueller had given up his seat "for personal reasons."

Herr Mueller, Deputy Chairman of the Communist Party in Lower Saxony, is the second Communist Deputy to lay down his mandate.

The other was Herr Robert Leibbrandt, Chairman of the Party in Wuertemberg-Baden. Herr Leibbrandt, Chairman of the Communist Parliamentary Party, refused to comment on Herr Mueller's action.

Well-informed circles, however, indicated that both Herr Leibbrandt and Herr Mueller had left in order to "carry out tasks in fields which were more important than being out-voted at Bonn."—Reuter.

**Radio Hongkong**  
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"Long Hong Calling" — Programme Summary: 6.02, Children's Hour; 6.30, "Cowboys and Indians" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 6.40, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 6.50, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 7.00, "World News and News Analysis" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 7.10, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 7.20, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 7.30, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 7.40, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 7.50, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 8.00, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 8.10, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 8.20, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 8.30, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 8.40, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 8.50, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 9.00, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 9.10, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 9.20, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 9.30, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 9.40, "Services" by Kenneth Mackenzie; 9.50, "The Music of the World" by Yvonne Charrat; 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# CHINESE FARMER FARING WORSE THAN BEFORE

By BLAKE GEARHART

Yuan Wong is a Chinese peasant farmer. There are about one hundred million Yuan Wongs throughout China. In the last year many things have happened to Yuan. His country's flag went down and the Communist flag went up. His ruler became a Communist named Mao Tse-tung and his former ruler, Chiang Kai-shek, went to Formosa.

Yuan began hearing strange words that originated in Moscow. A big estate was cut up and he received a piece of land that he could call his own. It was a strange new world that was created for Yuan 11 months ago. How is he doing today? Not so good. At least not nearly as well as he expected.

The story now created by the Communist propaganda of new freedom and new way of life has disappeared. Yuan Wong is living in a cold grey dawn of reality. Thus he has his own piece of land. But at regular intervals Communist officials come around and appropriate some of Yuan's rice. They also levy heavy taxes against him.

When the Communists got through with Yuan he finds he is right back where he started under the Nationalist Government. He gets a bare living for his family, and the tax collectors get all the rest.

Yuan is not an educated man, but neither he nor his ancestors ever liked Russians. He hated the Russian brand of Communism. He hated Communism as much as he hated the Nationalist Government. He wanted to do it to carry on his business in the traditional Chinese manner.

That means he wants to practise "quiescence", a return for extracting favour. But the first business was to eliminate the tax bureau. When they took over Shanghai was to eliminate the tax bureau.

Nothing that is, nothing immediately. For one thing, they are afraid to do anything. A Communist Army of 4,000,000 has a firm grip on the country. There are lots of discontented throughout the nation, but the discontented have no standard to which to rally.

There is an old Chinese axiom that a political party without an army is no political party at all. You hear reports of guerillas fighting in the Hsian mountains and in Kwangtung. The only effective force opposing the Communists is on the island of Formosa. That is too far away to help Chen and Yuan.

The Wong brothers are like political voters everywhere else. They are inclined to blame everything that happens on the Communists are being blamed for the floods and famine that at present are making life miserable for large sections of the Chinese population.

So there is no immediate hope of an effective armed uprising against the Chinese Communists. Instead, Yuan Wong and Chen Wong and hundreds of millions of other anti-Communist Chinese appear to be resorting to a passive resistance strategy. They are going to try to absorb their conquerors and gradually return China to its old ways. It is a strategy that has never failed in recorded history.

United Press.

## Navy Week Celebrated In Macao



Celebrations in Macao during Portuguese Navy Week. Upper picture shows naval units marching past at the statue of Vasco da Gama. Lower picture shows the two warships, Joao de Lisboa and Pedro Nunes, illuminated at night. (J. N. Catela)

## Truman Urges Speedy Passage Of Aid Bill

Washington, May 11.—President Truman today urged Congressional leaders to speed the approval of the huge Foreign Aid Bill "to strengthen Secretary Acheson's hand at his important meeting in London." The message came as the Senate and the House of Representatives were trying to settle their differences over the Foreign Aid measure, which include \$2,850 million for European recovery.

## TRUMAN AT GRAND COULEE DAM

Washington, May 11.—President Truman today dedicated the world's greatest power generator—the Grand Coulee Dam, across the Columbia River.

After 10 years' construction, the 10,500,000 cubic yard concrete structure will develop more electricity than has ever been generated anywhere else in the world.

A storage reservoir created by the dam, Lake Roosevelt, is 151 miles long.

The Grand Coulee, where the last turbine has now been installed, weighs about 21,000 tons. It will have 18 electrical generators, of which 13 are already in place. During the war, when installations were still incomplete, power from the plant helped to build the first atom bomb.

Though the dam has vast industrial and strategic importance, it was originally planned for the irrigation of lands in Washington State.

President Truman said at the dedication that he was determined to develop low-cost public power on all the great American rivers and fight against its use "for private profit."

## POET'S FAST STILL ON

Istanbul, May 11.—Nazim Hikmet, Turkey's foremost poet and Communist, today refused to give up his hunger strike for freedom, and three poets in Ankara announced that they would start a two-day fast tomorrow to protest against his imprisonment.

Hikmet rejected a plea by his lawyer to stop his hunger strike, which is now in its 10th day. The Istanbul prosecutor ruled that Hikmet's health was not in a dangerous condition as the poet claimed.

The police today arrested 20 persons for distributing a leaflet by the Istanbul Students Association urging Hikmet's release.

United Press.

## Japanese At Leavenworth

Washington, May 11.—Mr. James Webb, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, told a press conference today that he had no knowledge that 230 former high Japanese officers were being given military training in the United States.

His attention was drawn by "journalists" to a report stating that the Japanese were undergoing a three-year training at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mr. Truman also called for Congressional approval of \$45,000,000 to launch his "Point Four" Programme of aid to backward areas of the world.

"A reduction of the amount," he said, "would not only hamper effective work in this field but would also have serious political and psychological reaction in these areas where confidence in the United States is now crucial."

Mr. Truman's message was sent to the Chairman of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees, who hope to complete a compromise Aid Bill tomorrow.

## CROSS-COUNTRY TOUR

Washington, May 11.—President Truman appealed to Congress today for "prompt passage" of the omnibus foreign aid bill to strengthen Secretary of State Dean Acheson's hand at the London Foreign Ministers' meeting.

The President also urged approval of the full \$45,000,000 authorization by the Administration for the "Point Four" programme to aid the world's underdeveloped areas.

Mr. Truman, who is on a cross-country tour, telegraphed his appeal to Chairman Tom Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Chairman John Kee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The two Chairmen made the telegrams public today as both Houses of the legislature continued their efforts to hammer out a compromise foreign aid authorization bill.

Mr. Truman said the "Point Four" programme will help underdeveloped countries, particularly those of the Near East and Southern and Southeast Asia, to maintain their independence in the face of grave dangers. I therefore feel it of the most serious importance that the full sum of the \$45,000,000 be approved by the Senate, he authorized to carry on this programme. Any reduction from this amount would not only hamper effective work in this field, but would also have serious political and psychological reactions in those areas where confidence in the United States is now crucial.

## RECOGNITION

The President's telegram continued: "Prompt passage of the bill will greatly advance our foreign policy, and strengthen Secretary Acheson's hand at his important meeting in London."

Senator Kenneth Wherry made public today a letter from Mr. Truman in answer to one by 35 Senators asking assurance that the United States will not give diplomatic recognition to the Chinese Communist regime or support any move to seat its delegation at the United Nations.

Mr. Truman wrote Senator Wherry that he appreciated the Senators' "interest in foreign affairs," and said their views will be given consideration.

United Press.

## PAKISTAN PREMIER IN CHICAGO

Chicago, May 11.—Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Prime Minister, arrived in Chicago by air from New York on a two-day visit today. The Prime Minister and the Begum Liaquat Ali Khan were received at Chicago Airport by Mr. Mayer Kestenberg, President of the Chicago Council of Foreign Relations, and members of the Pakistani community in America's second largest city, who presented them with red roses.

The Prime Minister, who flew in the late President Roosevelt's four-engine airplane, Sacred Cow, was accompanied by Mr. M. Isphahani, Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States, Mr. S. M. Haffizullah, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary, and other members of his staff.

Later the Prime Minister and the Begum drove to the City Hall, where they were received by Mr. Martin H. Kennelly, Mayor of Chicago.

## MESSAGE OF PEACE

New York, May 11.—The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said here last night that he hoped the United States and Pakistan would come even closer together to help in maintaining world peace.

Pakistan's mission was to carry the message of peace to the world and to serve humanity, he added. The Premier told 200 fellow countrymen at the New York Pakistan Consulate that they were unwelcome ambassadors in the United States, and had the great responsibility of seeing that the name of their country was not sullied in any way. The Premier and his wife later spent half an hour playing with the children of Consulate officials.

## AMENDMENT WIPED OUT

Cape Town, May 11.—South Africa's House of Assembly today wiped out an Opposition amendment which brought a Government defeat on its Race Registration Bill yesterday.

A tie in yesterday's voting led to a recount, giving the Opposition a one-vote victory on an amendment favouring additional rights of appeal under the Bill.

Today the Speaker of the House ruled the amended subsection to be "blank," whereupon it was put up for reconsideration by whole House in committee and was passed without a division—and with the amendment.—Reuter.

## World Bank Chief Fails To Change British Opinion

London, May 11.—Britain's Colonial Development Corporation, which last January broke off negotiations for a \$5,000,000 loan from the World Bank, still refuses to talk it over with the Bank.

Mr. Eugene Black, the Bank's President, who has been trying in London to persuade the Corporation's chiefs to change their minds, is now on his way back to New York, without having been able to carry the matter further.

## Shah To Forgive Fatima

Teheran, May 11.—The Shah intends to accept the marriage of his sister Princess Fatima to the Californian, Robert Hillier, and will shortly restore her royal privileges, members of the Shah's family indicated today.

Prince Abdol Reza, director of Iran's seven-year industrialization plan, lunched with his elder brother, the Shah, today and stated afterwards: "The fact that Fatima performed the marriage according to Islamic rites, and reports that Hillier intends to adopt the faith, have made a good impression in court. Fatima has not yet been reinstated. But when she is, everyone will know by an official court communiqué."

Other court sources said the Shah's pardon is expected shortly now that official mourning for his father, the late Reza Shah, is over. It is believed the Shah originally decided to end offending Moslem clerics who opposed the marriage of a Moslem to a non-Moslem. However, that storm seems to have blown over.

Fatima's mother, who bore old Reza Shah seven sons and three daughters while he fought his way from the lowest rank in the Persian Army to head a new Iranian dynasty, said today: "I sincerely hope his Majesty the Shah will rescind his decision and will permit my daughter to return to Iran."—United Press.

## MCCARTHY CALLED A MADMAN

Geneva, May 11.—Ilya Ehrenburg, Russia's top journalist, said today that Senator Joseph McCarthy is a "madman" who should be "examined by the Department of Health."

He said in an interview: "It is up to the United States to take care of such madmen a little sooner than in the case of Forrestal."

The Soviet press has referred to the late United States Defence Secretary, James Forrestal, as a "madman" since he committed suicide by leaping from a window in the United States Naval Hospital at Bethesda last summer.

Ehrenburg, who is visiting Switzerland to "gather material for a new novel," refused to comment on the visit to Moscow of the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie.—United Press.

## Vietnam May Send Envoy

Paris, May 11.—France agreed today to permit the semi-independent state of Vietnam to send diplomatic representatives to the United States and Great Britain.

The agreement came in a letter from the French President, M. Vincent Auriol, to Emperor Bao Dai, head of the Vietnamese state. It was published here only three days after the United States agreed to furnish France help in her war against the Communist-led rebels in Indo-China.—United Press.

## Gaekwar Visits Sick Wife

Paris, May 11.—The Gaekwar of Baroda arrived here by air today from Bombay to visit his wife, who has been convalescing in France, mostly on the Côte d'Azur, for the past six months.

A member of the Gaekwar's entourage said today that the Maharajah, who has not been in good health since an operation two years ago, may shortly go to England for medical treatment.—Reuter.

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